(c) the number of students proposed to be provided scholarships every year; and

(d) the districts and States identified for this purpose so far?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Government have recently approved a new Central Sector Scheme, namely, the "Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship" (RGNF) for providing fellowships to ST students for pursuing M.Phil and Ph.D. courses. The maximum duration of the fellowship is 5 years. The fellowships will be on the pattern of the University Grants Commission (UGC) Fellowships awarded to research students. However, for applying under the Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship Scheme there will be no requirement of minimum marks in post-graduation or prior clearance of NET examination. The scheme will be implemented by the UGC on behalf of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs.

(c) Sholarships will be provided to 667 Scheduled Tribe students every year.

(d) This scheme is applicable to Scheduled Tribe students in the entire country.

Tracts of Tribal Land

2237. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether large tracts of tribal land have been alienated from Tribals for development in various States;

(b) if so, details of such lands alienated during the last five years in various States, State-wise, category-wise and year-wise;

(c) if so, whether the competent authority was consulted before marking the above land for development purpose;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH): (a) to (e) 'Land' and its management fall under the exclusive legislative and

administrative jurisdiction of States as provided in Entry No. 18 of List II (State List) of the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India.

The Ministry of Rural Development is the nodal Ministry dealing with the subject of transfer and alienation of land. Acquisition of any land in the States is executed by the concerned State Government through the competent authority according to the provisions of the land Acquisition Act, 1894. This Ministry does not maintain the details of tribal land alienated for development purposes.

Schemes for education development in Tribal Sub-Plan Area

2238. SHRI SURENDRA LATH:
SHRI SURESH BHARDWAJ:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the schemes presently running in Tribal Sub-Plan Areas to develop the education; and

(b) the funds allocated to Orissa during the last three years, scheme-wise and year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH): (a) The Ministry of Tribal Affairs supports the following major schemes in the field of education:

(i) Ashram Schools [in Tribal Sub Plan (TSP) Areas only],

(ii) Hostels for ST Girls and Boys (in TSP as well as other areas),

(iii) Post Matric Scholarship for ST students (in TSP as well as other areas),

(iv) Upgradation of Merit of ST students (in TSP as well as other areas),

(v) Educational Complexes in Low Literacy Pockets for Development of Women Literacy in Tribal Areas (in TSP as well as other areas),

(vi) Establishment of Eklavaya Model Residential Schools under the Scheme of Article 275(1) of the Constitution (in TSP as well as other areas),

(vii) Creation of infrastructure facilities in various sectors including